

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1996 Fehr, A. et. al.
Phase I Terrestrial and Marine Archeological Surveys for the Poplar Island Reclamation Project and Phase II Investigations of Site 18TA237 and Six Marine Anomalies, Talbot County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18TA237

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phase I and Phase II archeological investigations were conducted at 18TA237 in 1994. The investigations were undertaken as part of a survey of the islands ahead of proposed plans to reclaim Poplar Island and restore its shoreline by constructing a series of dikes to facilitate backfilling the island area. The Phase I investigation indicated that the site potentially had significant research potential. That determination combined with the fact that it was quickly eroding into the bay, prompted a Phase II evaluation of the site.
Phase III		

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Project Objectives:

- Identify potentially submerged cultural resources of the submerged portion of the 1847 Poplar Island footprint and of the access channel, and of the shallow areas near Coaches Island
- Identify sites and site boundaries on the remaining terrestrial areas
- Define the boundaries and the integrity of the site
- Establish its temporal and functional associations
- Evaluate the potential eligibility of the site for listing on the National Register
- Make management recommendations for the site

Research Potential:

Poplar Island North (18TA237) consists of a possible brick structure and an artifact concentration within layers of redeposited beach sand. Based on the assemblage, it was possible to assign a temporal affiliation to the site from the late 17th to the early 19th centuries. The mean date for the ceramics from the site is AD 1833. The primary site deposit may have been a stratified sheet midden that has been eroded and redeposited. However, the site has lost the degree of integrity that is required for sites eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. No further archeological investigation was warranted or recommended for the site.